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AGENDA
ENGAWALA LOCAL AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL 2018

The Engawala Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council will be held in the Central Desert Service Delivery Office on Wednesday, 18 2018 at 10am.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 ATTENDANCE

The Local Authority notes for the record the names of attending appointed members, apologies and absences.

1.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Local Authorities reviews the Code of Conduct and commits to following the Code. Members of the Local Authority declare a conflict of interest as appropriate

1.3 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Local Authority consider the agenda and make any necessary changes.

1.4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting on 21 February 2018.



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MINUTES
ENGAWALA LOCAL AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018

The Engawala Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council was held in the Central Desert Service Delivery Office on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 10am.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Meeting Opened	10:27am
Present	Kathy Inkamala, Dianne Dixon, Joy Turner, Racheal Tilmouth, Janet Tilmouth, Cr Adrian Dixon, Elizabeth Dixon Neville Unicomb, Kym Davies, Libby Nuss, Billeigh Waha, Glendle Schrader, Patsy Tilmouth
Apology	Audrey Inkamala
Absent	Denella Guisepppe
Status	Quorum

1.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Local Authorities reviewed the Code of Conduct and committed to following the Code.

Diane Dixon and Patsy Tilmouth declared that they are employees of CDRC.

1.3 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Deputations were moved to the front of the agenda. No other changes were made.

1.4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Elizabeth Dixon joined meeting at 11:05am

MOTION: Kathy Inkamala / Diane Dixon

The Local Authority confirmed the minutes from the meeting on 18 October 2017.

2. COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 ENGAWALA COMMUNITY PLAN

Community planning is currently occurring across all Central Desert communities. Once accepted by the council, the community plans will become part of each Local Authority agenda for discussion and monitoring.

2.2 ENGAWALA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

15/16 Funding

Grant amount

Funds available \$0.00

Projects	Est. Cost	Project Status	Comments	Total Funding Allocated
Outdoor fitness equipment	\$21,365	Ongoing	Equipment in community. CDRC to install. Waiting on CLC to approve building being used by community.	Fully expended

16/17 Funding

Grant amount \$24,224.46

Expended YTD \$13,148.91

Available funds \$11,076.46 as at 19/02/18 per TechOne

Projects	Est. Cost	Project Status	Comments	Total Funding Allocated
Laundry Toilet Upgrades	\$5,000	Approved In progress	Funds to install sump no longer required. Remaining funds to be held until we know if sump is okay during heavy rain.	Spent YTD: Bullant Construction = \$1820.00 Plants = \$650.00 Committed TYD: A1 Plumbing = \$1,820.63 Remaining funds: \$2,255.83
Solar Street Lights	\$12,000	Approved In progress	Delivery of lights delayed. Lights purchased and delivered. Waiting for cooler weather to install. Final light will be at the entrance to community near speed signs.	Spent YTD: \$10,678.00 Estimated costs outstanding: \$3,000.00 Remaining funds: \$0.00
Kangaroo cooking area	\$0.00	Approved In Progress	Partnering with My Pathways (CDP). Waiting for CPD to build pits and shade. No cost to LA as My Pathways will provide materials and labour.	Spent YTD \$0.00

17/18 Funding

Grant amount \$24,460.00

Expended YTD \$00.00

Available funds \$24,460.00

Projects	Est. Cost	Project Status	Comments	Total Funding Allocated
Softball field shade	CSM to provide by next meeting	Awaiting approval once quoted		
Football oval water tap				
Replacement washing machines for laundry				
Solar lights at cemetery				
Playground equipment near the stage				

MOTION: Joy Turner/Racheal Tilmouth

The Local Authority requests that:

- a) the CEO provide quotes for the proposed 2017/18 Local Authority projects identified during this meeting, and
- b) that a final solar light from the 2016/17 funding be installed at the intersection near the speed signs at the entrance to the community.

2.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL (CSP) REFERENCE GROUP

- CSP is not operating currently operating in Engawala due to lack of staff
- Community members not always aware of where Police are as they travel to other communities frequently
- Police phone number goes through to Darwin
- People from other communities are coming into Engawala and making trouble eg speeding, grog, gunja.

2.4 ENGAWALA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

The Local Authority note the undated action items.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 ATTACHED REPORTS

3.1.1 Previous Council Decisions

The Local Authority note the decisions from the January Council meeting.

3.1.2 Finance Report

The Local Authority note that all grants have been received, therefore we have more money in the bank. However, spending is too high by 20% which managers are aware of. There is also a lot of money in the bank which is meant for capital (eg buildings). Managers are aware that this needs to be spent by the end of the financial year.

3.1.3 Council Services Report

The Local Authority note the Council Services Report.

3.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

There were no questions posed by the Local Authority.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

The Local Authority received deputations from the following groups:

DEPUTATION: Central Desert Regional Council Community Services
PRESENTER: Glendle Schrader
SUBJECT: Committee member for Plenty Highway Tourism Master Plan

Central Desert Regional Council are seeking a volunteer from the Atitjere community to join a committee who will look at tourism in the Atitjere region. The person on the committee will be required once per month from March to September. They will contribute their ideas to help a consultant write a master plan for the Government.

The Local Authority agreed to discuss the matter out of the meeting and advise CDRC of the outcome.

4.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REPORT

A representative from the NT Department of Local Government did not attend.

The Governance Manager offered to take any issues back to the NT Government. No issues were raised.

Meeting closed

12:01pm

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the DRAFT minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on 21 February 2018 for adoption at the next meeting scheduled for 11 April, 2018.

2. COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 ENGAWALA COMMUNITY PLAN

The Local Authority note and discuss the progress on the community plan.

2.2 ENGAWALA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The Local Authority debates and proposed to Council projects for the local area. Once Council has endorsed the projects, the LA monitors and reviews progress.

The table below provides an update with regard to LA projects. It is recommended the Local Authority decides what it would like to allocate its remaining funds to.

Projects 16/17 & 17/18	Comments	Estimated cost	Spent YTD (G)
Laundry / Toilet Upgrades	Remaining funds to be held until we know if sump is okay during heavy rain.	\$5,000	\$4,396.03
Solar Street Lights	Delivery of lights delayed. Lights purchased and delivered. Waiting for cooler weather to install. Final light will be at the entrance to community near speed signs.	\$12,000	\$12,439.32

Unspent Funds \$164.65

Unallocated Funds \$31,684.46

(To be spent by 30th June 2018 \$7,389.11)

Proposed projects	Comments	Estimated cost	Spent YTD (G)
Softball Field Shade	Proposed	TBA	
Football Oval Water Tap	Proposed	TBA	
Replacement Washing Machines for Laundry	Proposed	TBA	
Solar Lights at Cemetery	Proposed	TBA	
Playground Equipment Near the Stage	Proposed	TBA	

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority recommends to Council the agreed local authority projects for Council's authorization.

2.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCE GROUP

The Local Authority is the Reference Group for Community Safety Patrol and provides feedback to the Regional Council. Any comments or issues raised will be minuted.

2.4 ENGAWALA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

The Local Authority notes the responses from Council / the CEO on recommendations; and notes progress against any agreed recommendations.

The Local Authority may also have its own action items which are noted here, and progress reviewed.

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Outstanding Actions

Division:
Committee: Engawala Local Authority
Officer:

Date From:
Date To:

Action Sheets Report

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MEETING DATE	REFERENCE	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	ACTION	ACTION OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
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Tourism Opportunities - Alcoota Fossil Site

23 August 2016	Eng008/2016	6/09/2016	<p><i>Eng008/2016</i> RESOLVED (Sarah Williams/Cr B Bird) The Local Authority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the Alcoota Fossil site being opened to the public to encourage tourism opportunities. 2. Request the Council Services Manager investigate infrastructure and management costs involved for turning the old store into an arts centre, and contact the Office of Aboriginal Affairs for support. 	Greg Buxton	<p><i>STATUS: Outstanding</i></p> <p><i>No update provided by Officer</i></p>
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Street Sweeper

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18 April 2017	Eng020/2017	2/05/2017	<p>13.1 STREET SWEEPER</p> <p>SUMMARY: The Local Authority have requested a street sweeper in community to clean all the dirt off the bitumen which will prevent dust from cars driving around and also make the community more presentable.</p> <p><i>Eng020/2017</i> RESOLVED (Benedy Bird/Sarah Williams) The Local Authority request for the Council Services Manager, Neville Unicom, to investigate a street sweeper in community to clean the roads and prevent dust from cars driving.</p>	Kym Davies	<p><i>STATUS: Outstanding</i></p> <p><i>No update provided by Officer</i></p>
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3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 ATTACHED REPORTS

3.1.1 Previous Council Decisions

Event: Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: Thursday 29 March 2018

Location: Council Chambers, Yuendumu

ITEM
ITEM 10.3 - UPDATE ON ANIMAL BY-LAWS PROJECT
COUNCIL DECISION
<p><i>OC001/2018</i> RESOLVED (Cr William Liddle/Cr Robert George)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council agrees that the first step in relation to Animal By-Laws should be in relation to 'control of dogs' and mirror those parts of the two examples attached that relate to this. 2. Council endorses that an animal (dog control) by-law for Central Desert Regional Council should apply in all communities. 3. Council endorses that the by-law include links to the Central Desert vet program, for example that dogs must have one vet visit per year. 4. Council notes the next steps for this project.
ITEM
ITEM 11.2 - CHANGES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES
COUNCIL DECISION

OC002/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr Jacob Spencer)

The Council notes the resignation of the following Local Authority members and approve the appointment of the following new members:

Resignation of Kezia Ahkit-Kitson from Willowra

Appointment of Harry Moore in Anmatjere and Ashley Martin in Willowra

ITEM

ITEM 11.3 - EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS POLICY

COUNCIL DECISION

OC003/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr William Liddle)

The Council approved the attached External Complaints Policy numbered P18.

ITEM

ITEM 11.4 - COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES AND ENTITLEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION

OC004/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Freddy Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)

The Council noted the current policy in relation to Councillor allowances and cost reimbursements.

ITEM**ITEM 12.1 - FINANCE REPORT****COUNCIL DECISION**

OC005/2018 RESOLVED (Cr James Glenn/Cr Adrian Dixon)

- 1) Council noted the financial reports for the period ending 28 February 2018, and
- 2) Council approved a KPI in relation to sustainability to increase the current ratio to \$2.00 over the next four years

ITEM**ITEM 22.4 - UTOPIA HOMELANDS - CONSIDERATION OF ONGOING CONTRACT****COUNCIL DECISION**

OC006/2018 RESOLVED (Cr James Glenn/Cr Jacob Spencer)

The Council resolved not to seek the Utopia Homelands MES, HMS or HEA contracts with NTG after the conclusion of the current contracts on 30th June 2018.

3.1.2 Finance Report

As Council has only recently closed off the quarter, the finance report will not be available until the next meeting.

3.1.3 Council Services Report

The Local Authority reviews the reports, discusses impacts to the community and makes any recommendations it wishes to the Council (strategy, policy) or to the CEO (operational).

	Anmatjere	Attjere	Engawala	Lajamanu	Laramba	Nyiripi	Willowra	Yuelamu	Yuendumu	Utopia
Municipal Services	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Airstrip Maintenance	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	
Animal control	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Libraries	Y			Y						
Family Mediation							Y		Y	
Outstations	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		
Community Safety	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Aged and Disability	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Children's Services	Y		Y		Y				Y	
School Nutrition	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		
Youths, Sport & Recreation	Y	Y	Y		Y			Y		
Essential Services		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	
Centrelink	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
CDP	Y				Y		Y	Y	Y	
Post Office Agencies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

Achievements

- Quotes obtained for Laundry works as requested and costs look to be well below initially estimated, even with the installation of a fourth large washing machine!
- Rain event caused significant grass growth and slashing well underway to control
- Community members continue to maintain yards and footpath areas in tidy condition
- Community members making good use of the rubbish trailers
- Community consultation undertaken in all nine communities. The NT Government attended most sessions and is aware of the issues raised that fall under their jurisdiction. On some occasions, local members and representatives of Federal Ministers were in attendance.
- Budget planning is underway, with a focus on providing a realistic picture for Council to allow a forward plan targeted on the aim to be financially sustainable in the future.

- Youth Engagement Officer Strategy operating successfully by identifying and re-engaging youth into CDP and other activities.
- Community work teams are concentrating on firebreaks with large fuel loads expected next summer after recent rains.
- A council services officer has been re-assigned to coordinate municipal services to communities and outstations east of the Stuart Highway.

Emerging Risks

- Quote/estimates for playground equipment appear excessive and likely beyond budget ability.
- Road repairs dependent on NDRAA Funding
- NDRAA funding application not fully funded, this is continuing to be followed up with NTG.
- Aging plant and equipment is considered high risk with repairs and maintenance costs increasing as a result.

3.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Any questions asked by Local Authority members are noted here, responses will be included at next meeting.

This section does not include service requests, members and the community are encouraged to log service requests with the local office.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

The agencies presenting to the Local Authority today are: Nil

The Local Authority reviews the presentation, discusses impacts to the community and discusses with the presenter.

If the presenter is asking the Local Authority for approval – they should provide a written recommendation and the LA resolution will be minuted.

A recommendation for an action may also be made to the NT Government to be included in 4.2 Northern Territory Government Report.

4.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REPORT

A NTG representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development attends each Local Authority meeting to provide information and take questions on NTG services including, health, education, police, housing, etc.

The Local Authority can make resolutions (motions) to request actions from the NT Government.

Date Raised	Issue	NTG Status
June 2017	Who is on the Engawala Housing Reference Group (HRG)?	Status: Closed NT Department of Housing have responded directly to the community.
August 2016	Refitting the old store as an arts centre	Status: Closed Response received from OAA: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All current funding under the Remote Aboriginal Economic Development Fund is being reviewed. 2. OAA LA/ CDRC to consider other funding opportunities. 3. OAA is happy to meet directly with Engawala Local Authority to provide an update.
June 2017	Planning for future development of community including tourism and housing	Status: Closed.